**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-24 (cancelled):

Claim 25 (currently amended): An aqueous-based preparation for application to ~~the skin or skin appendages~~ hair, eyelashes and eyebrows comprises a mixture of at least two aqueous dispersions of film-forming polymers, wherein one dispersion is a polyurethane-based polymer and the other dispersion is an acrylic-based polymer, wherein the preparation further comprises a thicknener free of pyrogenic silica and has a viscosity in the range of between 0.02 and 3.8 Pa·s measured at 25°C and with 200 $s^{-1}$.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the polyurethane-based polymer comprises at least one polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyester polyurethanes, polyether polyurethanes, polyurethane polyvinyl pyrrolidones, acrylic polyurethanes, silicone-bearing polyurethanes and mixtures thereof.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the aqueous dispersions form between 50 and 90% by wt. with respect to the wt. of the final preparation.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 26, wherein the polyurethane-based polymer is present in an amount of between 1 and 60% by wt. with respect to the weight

of the final preparation.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the acrylic-based polymer comprises an acrylic polymer obtained by polymerization of at least one monomer which contains an ethylenically unsaturated bond, selected from the group consisting of α,β-ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, α,β-ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid esters, α,β-ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid amides, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the acrylic-based polymer is obtained by polymerization of monomers selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, crotonic acid, maleic acid, itaconic acid, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A composition as set forth in claim 25, wherein the acrylic-based polymer is selected from aryl and alkyl acrylates and mixtures thereof.

Claim 32 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 31, wherein the acrylic-based polymer comprises a mixture of acrylates copolymer and styrene/acrylic copolymers.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the polymers are present in the dispersions in the form of particles of a size of between 10 and 1000 nm.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein the polymers in the dispersions have film-forming temperatures of below 30°C.

Claim 35 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in

claim 25, wherein at least 30% by wt. of the polymers which are contained in the dispersions are water-resistant in the dried condition and have a glass transition temperature of below 10°C.

Claim 36 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, wherein between 5 and 30% by wt. of one or more of the dispersions have a block or portion whose glass transition temperature in the dried condition is higher than 30°C.

Claim 37 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, further comprising, conventional constituents selected from the group of plasticisers, wetting agents, anti-foaming agents, coloring agents, preserving agents, fragrances, flavoring agents and mixtures thereof.

Claim 38 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth claim 30, further comprising at least one pigment.

Claim 39 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 30, further comprising at least one thickener.

Claim 40 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 39, wherein the thickener is selected from the group consisting of natural and/or synthetic and/or modified polysaccharides, mineral and/or modified mineral thickeners, silicate thickeners, celluloses and modified celluloses, non-ionic associative thickeners and/or copolymer thickeners and mixtures thereof.

Claim 41 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 25, further comprising at least one polysaccharide, at least one mineral thickener and at least one vegetable gum.

Claim 42 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in

claim 39, wherein the thickener is selected from the group consisting of cellulose, a cellulose derivative, a silicatic thickener, xanthane gum and mixtures thereof.

Claim 43 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 42, wherein cellulose, silicate and xanthane gum are present in a ratio of between 1:1:4 and 1:2:6.

Claim 44 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 39, wherein the thickener is present in an amount of between 0.2 and 20% by wt. with respect to the weight of the final composition.

Claim 45 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 39, wherein the thickener is present in an amount of between 0.2 and 5% by wt. with respect to the weight of the final composition.

Claims 46-47 (cancelled).

Claim 48 (previously presented): A preparation as set forth in claim 45, comprises make up for the eyes and eyelashes.

Claim 49 (withdrawn): A device for applying a preparation as set forth in claim 25, comprise a container which can accommodate the preparation and which has a neck portion with a screwthread and a seal, and an applicator element which at its one end has a brush and at its other end a handle which forms a closure cap, wherein the brush head is of a diameter in the range of between 5.5 and 6.5 mm and is of a length in the range of between 12.5 and 17.5 mm and wherein the bristles are arranged in a helical arrangement radially around a central portion with a large number of turns.